GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
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e-Portal for Teachers' Training
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism in place to benchmark quality teachers in the country;
(b) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch an educational portal through District Institutes of Education and Training and bring quality teachers into the Indian school education system and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government proposes to establish national mechanism to determine the quality of teachers, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI. PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.117 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.7.2016 ASKED BY SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE REGARDING E-PORTAL FOR TEACHERS' TRAINING.

(a) Central Government has implemented the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 with the aim of universalising and providing quality education to children in the age group of 6-14 years. With the focus on ensuring that schools have well trained and qualified teachers under the stipulation of Section 23(2) of the RTE Act, the Central Government has notified National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) as an academic authority to lay down minimum qualification for a person to become a teacher. Accordingly, NCTE has laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible to become a teacher which stipulate that the teacher should possess the requisite professional degree/diploma in education as well as pass the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET).
NCTE has laid down detailed guidelines for the conduct of TET. All States/UTs except Jammu & Kashmir are conducting either TET or using Central TET conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) at regular intervals to ensure that well qualified candidates join the teaching profession.
(b) A teacher education portal namely "Prashikshak" has been launched by Central Government on 30th June, 2016 to monitor the quality of Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) in the country. The objective of Prashikshak is to help District Institute of Education and Training make informed decisions about their institutes, compare the performance of their institute against other DIETs in the state/country as well as help aspiring teachers make informed decisions. The major users of Prashikshak will be Pre-service teacher educators; DIET principals and faculty; Policy makers at District, State Government and National Level; students of DIET; Aspiring Teachers; and the general public.
(c) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), the Central Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs to improve the quality of education at elementary and secondary level. There is a clear focus on continuous professional developments of teachers through in service training and induction training for newly recruited teachers.
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